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Title: Fibre channel switch that enables end devices  
in different fabrics to communicate with one another  
while retaining their unique fibre channel  
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